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SUBJECT: FONSECRETARY COMMENTS ON FARAKKA TALKS

REFS: A. DELHI 17758; B. DACCA 6221 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGAT MEHTA TOLD NEWSMEN IN DELHI DECEMBER 9 THAT THE TALKS IN DACCA HAD "PROGRESSED BUT NO FINAL OUTCOME HAS BEEN REACHED." MEHTA REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS "SERIOUS" AND SAID THE DELEGATIONS WOULD MEET AGAIN "AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE." HE SAID THE DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS WOULD BE DECIDED IN A DAY OR TWO. ASKED ABOUT THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS IN DACCA, MEHTA SAID THAT SINCE THE TALKS HAD NOT BROKEN DOWN BUT ONLY BEEN ADJOURNED, NO CHANGE OF VENUE WAS NECESSARY. MEHTA REPORTED THAT JAGJIVAN RAM IN DACCA HAD "FRIENDLY DISCUSSION" WITH BOTH PRESIDENT SAYEM AND CMLA GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN; THESE MEETINGS, MEHTA SAID, WERE MAINLY IN THE NATURE OF COURTESY CALLS. ACCORDING TO "THE STATESMAN", MEHTA WOULD NOT GO INTO DETAILS ON THE "TREND" OF THE DACCA TALKS. "THE STATESMAN" ALSO REPORTED THAT M. DUBEY, MEA JOINT SECRETARY FOR BANGLADESH, SAID THAT THE TALKS HAD BEEN "GOOD" AND HELD IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE; DUBEY REPORTEDLY SAID THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THERE WAS A DESIRE ON BOTH SIDES FOR "SOME AGREEMENT."

2. DELHI PRESS DECEMBER 10 ALSO REPORTED UNDER HEADLINE "POSSIBILITY OF BREAKTHROUGH" A BRIEF SAMACHAR REPORT

FROM DACCA ON COMMENTS OF ADMIRAL M H KHAN FOLLOWING
DEPARTURE OF INDIAN DELEGATION. KHAN REPORTEDLY TOLD
NEWSMAN THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF A BREAKTHROUGH
IN REACHING AGREEMENT WITH INDIA.

3. ACCORDING TO INDIAN DOCTORS WHO ACCOMPANIED JAGJIVAN
RAM ON FLIGHT FROM CALCUTTA TO DELHI, THE AGRICULTURAL
MINISTER HAD A "COMFORTABLE JOURNEY AND A GOOD SLEEP
DURING THE FLIGHT." RAM LEFT THE AIRCRAFT UNAIDED FOR
HIS RESIDENCE WHERE DOCTORS ADVISED HIM TO REST FOR
THREE DAYS.SCHNEIDER

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